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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Michael HOUGHTON, et al.

Serial No.:

08/441,355

Filing Date:

May 15, 1995

For:

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IMMUNOGENIC COMPOSITIONS

Examiner: M. Zeman

Group Art Unit: 1643

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

AFTER FINAL, EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Final Office action dated October 15, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from January 15, 2000 to April 15, 2000.

×	A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$870.00.
	A [second/third] month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$.
	A [one/two] month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on .
	The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .
X	A check in the amount of \$870.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 223002006313.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 17, 2000

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